Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 12 May 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 13 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 11 May 2023 at 14:26 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High generally but lower for timing of rain and its clearance on Sunday.

Headline for Friday 12 May 2023: A cloudy morning in east but brightening up with some sunny intervals, the best of the sunshine on the west coast through the day. Moderate northeast breeze on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 12 May 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
High Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG						
Fog	Fog	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%

Forecast for Friday 12 May 2023

Weather: Low cloud and patchy drizzle in the east overnight and into the morning gradually breaking up to allow some afternoon sunshine. Towards the west coast sunny spells through the day. Later some low cloud may drift in to Atlantic coasts but will be shallow and not reach far up the hills of Skye and Lochalsh.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% in the morning in the east otherwise more than 90%.

Low cloud and visibility: Areas of low cloud 400-800m in the east gradually lifting off the hills, otherwise any cloud above summits with good visibility underneath.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	15/21 E	12/16 E	12/16 SE	8/12 SE	4/8 SE	6/11 W	9/14 W	6/8 W	7/10 S
900	15/22 E	12/16 E	12/16 SE	8/12 SE	4/8 SE	6/11 W	9/14 W	6/8 W	7/10 S
600	14/21 E	11/15 E	11/16 SE	7/11 SE	4/8 SE	6/12 W	8/13 W	4/6 SW	5/8 S
300	10/18 E	9/15 E	8/15 E	6/10 SE	3/8 S	6/12 W	6/13 W	2/6 W	2/7 S
Glen	14/21 E	11/17 E	10/14 E	5/9 SE	4/8 SW	7/12 W	7/11 W	2/5 SW	3/5 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	3/-2	3/-1	3/-1	4/1	8/6	10/8	8/6	6/4	5/3
900	4/-1	4/-0	4/-1	5/2	8/7	10/9	9/6	7/5	5/3
600	6/2	6/3	6/3	8/6	11/10	13/11	11/9	9/8	7/6
300	7/5	7/4	8/5	11/10	14/14	15/14	14/12	10/10	8/7
Glen	10/7	9/6	10/8	14/13	16/16	17/16	15/14	12/11	9/9
Freezing Level*	1800m	1800m	1700m	1700m	1700m	1800m	1800m	1700m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
There will be a high risk of sunburn.

Forecast for Saturday 13 May 2023
Weather: A dry day with long sunny spells, though high cloud increasing later.

Maximum wind: Southwest 10-15mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: More than 90%.

Low cloud and visibility: No low cloud and good visibility.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to Plus 18 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 rising to Plus 10 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above summits.

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